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## EDITORIAL

### SOME POINTED QUESTIONS ON THE BOND ISSUE.

To the Editor of The Sun:

Following your generous offer to answer any questions put to you on the school bond issue, I wish to ask the following:

First—It is charged on the streets that the issue is proposed by an element in Paducah that is opposed to the city at any time buying the water works, building one, or installing a commercial lighting plant in connection with the present street lighting plant; that the city can only issue approximately \$550,000 of bonds, and if this \$100,000 is authorized it will take just that amount from the total the city can issue.

Second (a)—Where has all the money the school board has been getting gone to? (b) What became of the money received for the sale of the building at Fifth and Broadway, for we were told, at the time of the sale, it brought sufficient to erect the two new buildings?

Third—If the board has not sufficient funds to operate the present schools, why erect more?

Fourth—How does the board propose to spend this \$100,000?

A. PARENT.

The Sun is glad to answer these questions and pleased that you put them, as these same inquiries and stories are current on the street.

First—The proposed bond issue of \$100,000 by the school board WON'T AFFECT IN ANY DEGREE the amount of bonds the city can issue at any time, because the school board is a separate corporation from the city, and is authorized by law to issue its own bonds.

Second—The school board receives enough money, and approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 more than enough to operate the schools each year, but in the past few years the buildings, which are very old, have needed many repairs, and in meeting them the boards have accumulated a deficit of about \$9,000.

The money received from the sale of the Fifth and Kentucky avenue building was not enough by about \$11,000 to pay for the new buildings, their equipment and the repairs the board had to make on other buildings. These two items go to make up the \$20,000 deficit.

Third—It is not proposed to erect the new buildings until next year. They will be ready for use in 1910, and by that time the city will have made another assessment,—something which is done only every four years, and it is conceded by authorities that the increase will be sufficient to give the school board, allowing it no more than its present rate, plenty of money to operate the additional schools. They will only entail an additional expense of about \$6,500 a year.

Fourth—The \$100,000 will be used as follows:

To pay off old debt	\$20,000
To rebuild the Lee building at Fourth and Ohio	22,000
To rebuild Lincoln, at Eighth and Ohio	8,000
To install heating plant in Franklin, South Sixth	2,500

Total to be expended next year \$52,500  
For new building west of Fountain avenue \$25,000  
For new colored school building in southern part of city 10,000

Balance \$12,500  
The bonds to meet the improvements won't be issued until they are needed, \$20,000 in November, and \$22,000 as the improvements on the Franklin, Lee and Lincoln buildings are made; the new buildings will be planned in 1909, finished in 1910, when the bonds will be issued to pay for them.

### A Fair Question.

To The Sun:

One of the questions that is squarely before the voters in the forthcoming election is, are they going to support the school board in its request for authority to issue school bonds? The members of the school board were elected by citizens of Paducah to supervise the finances of the schools, in addition to other duties connected with the maintenance and operation thereof.

It is only fair to assume that they were capable to perform these duties, or else they would not have been chosen to occupy so responsible a position. It is not charged by any one that the school board has failed in diligence or in attention to the duties imposed upon it; and it is not unreasonable to claim, that the members thereof possess a more accurate knowledge of the existing situation in school affairs than do those citizens who do not come in official touch with the details of the situation.

Through no act on the part of its present membership, the school board is compelled to face an empty treasury. No money for operation, maintenance or extension of the system. Under this condition, the school board has recommended that a bond issue be authorized by the voters, as the only lawful remedy for the existing situation.

Therefore, a vote for the bond is

## DEMOCRATS WILL NOT BE ASKED FOR WHOM THEY VOTED

Only Essential to Vote in Primary That Voter Registered as Democrat.

Attempt to Coerce Gold Democrats Proves Futile.

LAW IS CLEAR ON THE SUBJECT

Any man who registered as a Democrat, may vote at the Democratic county primary, and he will not be asked by the officers in charge whether he voted for William Jennings Bryan at the regular election before he entered the primary booth.

It was announced with considerable emphasis that a vote for Bryan would be the shibboleth of the primary. This was an evident attempt to coerce the gold Democrats into supporting Bryan, by preventing them from taking part in the affairs of their local party if they did not; but candidates found it was keeping their personal friends away, and they soon dug up the law on the subject, and learned that it is unlawful to ask a man how he voted.

A man cannot testify in court as to how he voted, so strictly is the secret of the Australian ballot kept, and the audacity of the certain local politicians trying to intimidate men and coerce them into voting in a national election to suit the politicians, in order that they might participate in a local primary, was a surprise to many voters.

A bluff that the oath will be required will be maintained in some quarters for political effect, but the voter may rest assured that if he registered as a Democrat he may vote in the Democratic primary in his precinct, and no one will dare demand how he voted at the election under penalty.

### Football Claims Another.

Logan, Utah, Oct. 28.—Thomas Evans, right guard on the football eleven of the Utah Agricultural college, whose neck was dislocated last Saturday during a game with the Colorado school of mines, died today without regaining consciousness.

### Haslock Rejoins Team.

Union City, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Private "Red" Haslock, a student at Vanderbilt, right tackle on the football team, also a member of the state militia sent here, was sent to Nashville today on "official business." Private Haslock has kept in training since reaching camp, and it is not thought that his official business will interfere with his playing against Michigan next Saturday.

### Orville Wright Recovers

Washington, Oct. 28.—Orville Wright, who was seriously injured in the aeroplane accident, has recovered sufficiently to walk on crutches. He expects to return to his home at Dayton Saturday to resume his experiments shortly.

### Kaiser Will Go Up

Berlin, Oct. 28.—It is expected that Kaiser William will make an ascent in Zeppelin's dirigible balloon, following Prince Henry's successful flight yesterday. The prince is wildly enthusiastic. The Kaiser will wait until Zeppelin completes his new airship. He then expects to make a flight.

A rally to discuss the bond issue will be held at the Whittier school building Friday afternoon at 2:30, and every one is invited to attend. Speakers will discuss all phases of the question and divide time with any one.

There is a vote of confidence in the ability of the duly elected representatives of the people to administer the affairs of the public schools; and conversely, a vote against the bond issue is an assertion that these representatives are not worthy of the confidence of those who placed them in the position of trust which they occupy.

If the latter view of the question prevails, the members of the school board should be requested to resign, because, if they no longer merit the confidence of a proper majority of the people in their ability to administer the financial problems connected with the schools, they are equally unworthy of confidence in their ability to discharge all other responsibilities devolving upon them as a result of the position which they occupy.

FAIR PLAY.

## Big Matrimonial Bureau.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 28.—James L. Leckie and Miss Lena Miller were arrested, charged with running the most extensive matrimonial bureau ever unearthed. The police assert that 5,000 men and women have paid a dollar apiece to secure marriage partners. Their correspondents extend all over the country, many in the west and southwest. Applicants range from girls of eighteen to women of sixty. An inmate of the Dayton, Ohio, Soldiers' home, aged 70, is among the correspondents.

## Fugitive Murderer is Detective and Arrests Scores of Men While Concealing Identity From Others

Bob Hilton Escaped From the Frankfort Prison Where He Was Serving Life Term—Captured at Nashville.

Nashville, Oct. 28.—Bob Hilton, who escaped from the penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky., while serving a life sentence for murder, was captured at his mother's home here. Hilton killed William Hodnett at Bowling Green, in a quarrel over a woman. He served ten years and since his escape acted as a detective and arrested scores of men.

### Forest Fires Near Trezevant.

Trezevant, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Forest fires are raging on almost every side of this little city, and have been for several days. In the Obion river bottom, about four miles from here, fire has been burning for several days, and also in the Reedy Creek bottom, near here.

### Cairo Feels Earthquake.

Cairo, Ill., Oct. 28.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here at 6:28 o'clock last evening. It was accompanied by a rumbling sound, and lasted for about five seconds. The general direction was from southwest to northeast.

### GRAHAMVILLE PEOPLE ENJOY FINE 'POSSUM HUNT.

Many of the citizens of Grahamville enjoyed a 'possum and coon hunt. The party left Grahamville early and enjoyed a supper of barbecued chicken. With two fine coon dogs of Uncle West Banks the party treed three coons and captured them after a fight. In the party were: Misses Elva Jones of Paducah, Clara Graham, Stella Graham, Pearl Cornell, Schmid Hite and Messrs. James Graham, Virgil Tucker, George Flanagan, Uncle West Banks, Dr. C. McKinney, of Ragland, and Dr. and Mrs. S. Z. Holland, and Mrs. Maggie Crawford.

## MAY OPEN LOOSE LEAF TOBACCO WAREHOUSE HERE IF BUILDING IS SECURED

C. W. Bohmer, of Lexington, Investigates Situation in Paducah.

Mr. C. W. Bohmer, a prominent loose tobacco man of Lexington, has been in Paducah for the last week investigating the possibility of establishing a loose tobacco warehouse. It is not known definitely that the warehouse will be established as Mr. Bohmer has been unable to secure a suitable building. He returned to Lexington this morning to attend the tobacco sales, but probably will return to Paducah in a few days. The tobacco crop in the bury district was short this year owing to the farmers cutting out the 1908 crop, while the Purchase has an average yield. The loose leaf warehouse would draw much tobacco from Mayfield and Murray to Paducah.

## TRAVELING MEN FIND FARMER IS NOW PROSPERING

"Business is all right with the farmer, and he has plenty of money to make purchases," said Mr. Earl Walters, who represents a large dry goods house, at the Union station, this morning. Mr. Walters has western Kentucky and Tennessee for his territory, and makes many of the country stores, and the country merchants have had no let up in their trade. His sentiment of the farmer

## KELSIE KIRK IS TO BE TRIED IN CALLOWAY COURT

Murray, Ky., Oct. 28. (Special.)—The fall term of the Calloway circuit court begins the second Monday in November and the cases against the Calloway night riders will be taken up again.

Considerable interest centers in the trial of Kelsie Kirk, which will probably be entered into, because of the fact that it developed at the trial of Jake Ellis in August that the commonwealth will seek to prove that Kirk took a prominent part in the Hopkinsville raid and was with George Gray, the young man of Trigg county, who was killed by Major Bassett's posse.

Kirk was a witness for the defense in the Ellis case and under fire of Judge Wells' questioning admitted that he closed his school at Montgomery school house in Trigg county on Thursday before the Hopkinsville raid on Friday night and did not convene the school until the next week. He would not positively state where he was the night of the raid, but thought he was at Model, Tenn.

It is said that Judge Wells has secured new evidence since last court and will make out stronger cases against Jake Ellis, which resulted in a hung jury.

Kirk is charged with being one of the captains of the Calloway night rider bands. He is a son of Dr. Peter Kirk, who was charged with suborning a witness in connection with the night rider prosecutions, but was released on examining trial for lack of proof.

### Masters, Mates and Pilots Meet.

Masters, mates and pilots will meet tonight at the marine engineers' hall on lower Broadway.

being in good financial standing was substantiated by Mr. Will Clark, who travels throughout western Kentucky also. "Sales have never been better with me," said Mr. Clark, "and, although the financial depression may have tightened up the banks and forced some industries to close the farmer has never felt the pinch."

Both men have returned from a trip through Ballard county, and their sales never amounted higher than the last trip, which shows that the farmer is at ease. All through the Purchase the same conditions exist, the traveling men say, and only in the cities is business quiet.

Sardon's Condition Critical. Paris, Oct. 28.—The condition of Victor Sardon, the dramatist, is critical. Mr. Sardon is 77 years old. He became ill two weeks ago.



FAIR. Fair west, rain east tonight and probably Thursday, heavy frost west portion tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 57; lowest today, 40.

## CONFESSION OF NIGHT RIDER SPY BEING FOLLOWED

Tennessee Authorities Searching for Men Who Murdered Quentin Rankin.

Grand Jury May Have Been Illegally Empaneled.

REELFOOT MURDER SITUATION

Union City, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Armed with the confession of Tod Burton, alleged night rider spy, implicating 40 men in the Rankin murder, troops and deputies are searching the county for the men named. About half are under arrest. Burton says Tom and Garrett Johnson and Will Watson led the riders. It is expected that Burton's testimony will convict several of the riders.

### Burton's Confession.

Union City, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Mr. Will Flack, who lives in Tiptonville, was in the city. Talking of the confession made by Tod Burton, who was arrested on a warrant charging him with complicity in the whipping of Squire Wynne in Lake county some months since, and who is now in the Tiptonville jail, he said that Burton made his statement to him and two other gentlemen whose names he did not give. He said the confession was made without the asking, and that there were no threats or promises made to him in order to extort the confession, but that Burton voluntarily stated that he was in the crowd who whipped Squire Wynne, and after he made this statement he said: "Now, I will tell you what I know of the killing at Walnut Log."

Burton said he was at the Walnut Log hotel at 7 o'clock of the evening of the killing of Capt. Rankin, that he went there at or near Samburg about twelve miles below; that he arrived at Walnut Log about 7 o'clock and went to the hotel for supper, and saw Col. Taylor and Capt. Rankin, but that he did not eat at the table with them; that he took his supper in the shape of a lunch and went out in the lake with it and ate it there; that he left the hotel shortly after he received his lunch and remained out on the lake all night fishing. He said also that he heard shots, but did not know the occasion of the shooting. He stated that he was present when the arrangements were made to go to Walnut Log and saw Col. Taylor and Capt. Rankin, but he went back home and afterward went fishing as stated.

### Paul Prys on Telephone Line.

Samburg, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Because of the fact that the only means of communication between Samburg, Union City and thence with the outside world is a private party line telephone wire and that all of the subscribers on the wire can hear what passes. Important plans have been devised along the line, and for this reason until the telephone wire which is being strung from Union City to the camp is completed, the military authorities will exert a rigid censorship over news dispatches dealing with the night rider investigation.

### Masks Found on Prisoners.

Camp Nemo, Near Samburg, Tenn., Oct. 28.—Several crude masks made from mud have been discovered on prisoners taken by Major Bright Horton's mounted posse, a search of all prisoners in the guardhouse was instituted, and two or more others were found.

This is the first evidence of this character uncovered by the soldiers. Two men, Jesse and Chaney Linden, of Sprout Springs, came into camp this morning and surrendered to the authorities. Lieut. Rosser and Sheriff Dawson left camp this morning to meet Gov. Patterson, who has left Union City for Camp Nemo. This is said to be merely an honorary escort for the governor of the state and not a guard for fear of an attack upon the executive.

The detachment took into custody Frank Long and three other men, Dr. Dora, who assisted in the inquest over Capt. Rankin's body, was taken

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### The Registration

The supplemental registration has thus far resulted in 56 Democrats being registered, 13 Republicans, 2 Independents and 1 Socialist.

### Hon. Charles Reed Dying

Former Mayor Charles Reed is believed to be dying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edmund P. Noble, and it is thought he cannot survive the night.

## CITY SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE CLOSED—SCHOOL TRUSTEES SECURE TEMPORARY LOAN

American-German Bank Advances \$16,000 to Trustees to Carry Them Until First of January.

STATE MONEY WILL BE RECEIVED AT THAT TIME AND TAXES WILL BE COMING IN DURING MONTH.

Trustees Have Been Devoting Time to School Problem During This Year and Have Pledged Own Credit.

The public schools will be kept open. The school trustees made arrangements yesterday afternoon to borrow sufficient money to operate the schools until the first of the year, when they will receive their half-yearly apportionment from the city.

The American-German National bank, which is the depository of the school board has agreed to lend the trustees the amount needed, approximately \$16,000. This will be good news to the teachers and parents and pupils, as there has been a great deal of uncertainty about the schools remaining open for some weeks.

This money will tide the board over its present needs, for salaries and incidental expenses until other arrangements are made.

The school trustees elected last fall have been constantly facing the most discouraging conditions and at times have pledged their own credit to keep the schools going. They have been part of the time forced to neglect their private affairs to devote to their public duties, and they have spent many wakeful hours at night thinking out this problem of temporary expedients.

### Bryan Finishes New York

New York, Oct. 28.—Bryan began his final tour in New York state. He makes a dozen speeches between here and Troy, where a big rally will be held tonight. He is greatly pleased over his reception here. Bryan said "our meetings are tremendous. I am satisfied I'll get as large a plurality as ever given any Democrat."

## DECLARES HE HAS BEEN ASSESSED BEYOND REASON

Alleged that he has been assessed an excessive amount by the city for the construction of a sewer through his property in the southwestern portion of the city, George Bernhart, has filed suit in circuit court to restrain Edward Bridges and P. D. Fitzpatrick, contractors, from collecting the amount assessed against him, until the courts can determine his equitable rights.

The plaintiff, it also alleges that his property has not been enhanced in value or benefited by the sewerage construction, no large portion of his property being covered by a sewer, and deep ravines that it would not be possible for him to connect his property with the sewer. The amount the plaintiff is opening assessed, is said to be of a nature more than the value of the work done after the sewer was laid. Work in the city of Paducah, Ky., Oct. 28. (Special.)

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## EARTHQUAKE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSE OF TWO BAD FIRES

### Chicago Market.

Dec.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	1.61 1/4	99 3/4	99 3/4
Corn	.63 3/4	63 1/4	64 1/4
Oats	.48	47 3/4	48
Prov.	16.00	15.77 1/2	15.95
Oct.	High.	Low.	Close.
Lard	9.70	9.65	9.60
Ribs	8.67 1/2	8.62 1/2	8.65